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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: LOUIS BERGER TEAM VISIT TO OMAN

REF: MUSCAT 178

1. LOUIS BERGER TEAM ARRIVING MUSCAT MARCH 12 RPT MARCH 12
ON GULF AIRWAYS FLIGHT 431 FROM ABU DHABI. ALL MEMBERS
OF TEAM HAVE OMAN VISAS OBTAINED KUWAIT.

2. AGREE DESIRABILITY RESERVE TIME AT BEGINNING AND END
FOR MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. ALSO WANT SOME
TIME AT END FOR PREPARING PRELIMINARY REPORT. WANT, IF
POSSIBLE, HIRE SECRETARIAL HELP TYPE PRELIMINARY REPORT
BEFORE DEPARTING MUSCAT FOR ABU DHABI ON MARCH 23 VIA
GULF AIRWAYS FLIGHT 015.

3. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES ARE: LOVEWELL - INDUSTRY,
PORTS AND RELATEDMATTERS; KLINE - EDUCATION, HEALTH,
HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED THERETO;
PARSONS - ALL OTHER MATTERS BUT PARTICULARLY PROSPECTIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PRIORI-
TIES NEXT FIVE YEARS. ALSO OVERALL PROBLEMS AND
QUESTIONS RELATED POTENTIAL COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL
SERVICES THROUGH AID. WOULD LIKE WHOLE TEAM MEET WITH
TOP OFFICIALS AND GENERALIST BUT WISH TEAM SPLIT UP FOR
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INTERVIEWS IN SPECIALLY ASSIGNED AREAS. TEAM REPORT

WILL BE IN-HOUSE AND NOT SHARED WITH OMAN GOV.

4. DESIRE FIELD TRIPS OUTSIDE CAPITAL. SINCE TIME SHORT, FEEL VISITS SHOULD BE RELATED TO QEAM'S PURPOSE, NAMELY SURVEY TECHNICAL NEEDS AND AID'S POTENTIAL IN RELATION THERETO. FEEL FIELD TRIPS SHOULD USE NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS OF TIME IN OMAN. CAN WE DISCUSS AFTER ARRIVAL? IF CANNOT WAIT WILL LEAVE MATTER IN YOUR HANDS.

5. TEAM ARRIVING ABU DHABI MARCH 5 VIA GULF AIRWAYS FLIGHT 333. WILL RETURN TO ABU DHABI MARCH 23 AND STAY UNTIL MARCH 31, WHEN LEAVE FOR TEHRAN. HAVE RESERVATIONS ZAKNAR HOTEL MARCH 5 TO MARCH 12 AND MARCH 23 TO MARCH 31.

6. UNDERSTAND JOHN WHIPPLE LOUIS BERGER INT'L. IN OMAN MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN MUSCAT MARCH 12 TO MARCH 23. ASSUME WHIPPLE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

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